

around town

□Kerry Crehan recently spent three weeks on the Wellesley College campus participating in the "Exploration '79" Program which allows young people to study academic subjects of interest in a college-like setting. Most of the 200 students, half boarders and half day students, are entering their sophomore or junior year of high school. They were from all across the U.S. and several foreign countries. Kerry will be a sophomore next year at Cohasset High School. She is the daughter of Herbert and Karen Crehan of 41 Sohler St.

Kerry concentrated her studies in French and Communications Psychology. Letters of credit may be forwarded to the student's school, but the Program encourages kids to study out of their interest in the subject and desire to learn, and not for the grade. Afternoons were spent participating in mini-courses and workshops of one's choice (T-shirt making, women's self-defense, Barbershop Quarter singing, French cooking) and groups went into Boston for a Red Sox game, an Esplanade concert and a Summerthing jazz concert. They even went to Somerville to visit Steve's Ice Cream (an establishment of reputed renown!).

□Ellen Gainor, a 1976 graduate of Cohasset High School is in her second summer with the "Exploration" Program where she teaches drama and directs theatre. She is an English



HAND IN HAND Rebecca and Billy Jordan, 6 and 4, respectively, enjoy a stroll along Ripley Road.

major entering her senior year at Harvard University, and while there is no theatre department at Harvard, she is very much involved in drama through the Arts Society of Leverett House, the Harvard-Radcliff Club and the Boston Children's Theatre. She is planning a career in an arts-related area.

□Our Sad Story, says a poster in the Cohasset News Co. window, is that we need a new home for our three year old, half-Siamese cat, since she can't go with us when we move to Saudi Arabia! "She" is a lovely, affectionate cat who belongs to the Johnston family, and no one has called to take her yet.

Mrs. Marie Johnston of 120 Fair Oaks Lane, and 12 year-old twins, Susan and Jeffrey, will join Francis Johnston in Saudi Arabia Aug. 30. He is already at work developing a new seaport for the brand new city of Rasahram on the Persian Gulf. He is with the Todd Warehousing and Distributing

Co., N.J. and until June, worked for the Massachusetts Port Authority for nine years.

The Johnstons will live in a community of mostly Americans and Europeans and will be provided with private tutoring for the children, a completely furnished house, a car, all medical care (in England), and two round trips to England each year. Mrs. Johnston says that foreigners aren't particularly welcome in Saudi Arabia, so the 'package' is made as attractive as possible.

Foreigners find it most difficult to assimilate in the cities and she thinks that all too often they fail to honor local custom. Women, who aren't allowed to do too much, still dress in the long-sleeve, long

dress when going out. Mr. Johnston has reported, via satellite telephone, that the women look very attractive dressed that way, and Mrs. Johnston plans to respect the dress codes.

"Cohasset is our home," she said, and while they are sad to leave, they are looking to the future and are ready to learn from the new experience ahead of them in Saudi Arabia.

□The Gaston family will be renting their house for two years. John and Linda Gaston have two children.

□Ooop! Last week we said 16 year-old Hannah Clinto was not qualified to sail in the Sunfish World Class Competition. We should have said she is NOW qualified and will compete in Aruba next year.

□Navy Seaman Recruit, Michael Palimeri of 347 N. Main St., has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif. He is the oldest of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Palimeri and a 1979 graduate of Cohasset High School. He signed on with the Navy for four years last September, in a late entry program.

□The Boston Opera Association has announced, unfortunately, that the benefit performance on Sept. 20 of Verdi's Requiem by members of Milan's LaScala Opera Company, will not take place due to LaScala's last minute cancellation of its entire U.S. tour. The September performance was to have been their only one in Boston, and a fund-raiser for the Metropolitan Opera Company's annual spring visit. Co-chairmen of the benefit, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Tosi of Beach Island Street, and assistants, Mr. and Mrs. John Larkin Thompson of Jerusalem Road, have the unfortunate task of refunding ticket money, as all patrons' tickets had been sold out.

□Kris Bobo, a Junior at Tufts University and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bobo of Beach Island Street, attained an "A" rating at a riding testing held Sunday, July 29 in Old Lyme, Ct. She is an active Dressage competitor with the Ponkapoag Pony Club of Milton.

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